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1. a. It was learned from Perleberg (L 54/T 70) residents on 10 November 1949 that three trains with tanks and three trains with 76.2-mm AT guns had arrived between 28 October and 2 November 1949. The troops were accommodated in tents in the woods along the southern border of the airfield.

b. A detail of tank troops laid a field-wire line from the Wittenberger chaussee, Perleberg, to the airfield.

c. Trucks [redacted] were observed at the airfield.

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d. An artillery range was about 500 meters east of the Perleberg-Wittenberge (L 53/Y 69) highway, between kilometer stones 2.2 and 3.4. A concrete bunker was in the center of the range. Intensive fire by tanks and AT guns was heard.

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2. a. About 2,000 troops were at the Perleberg airfield on 2 January 1950. Troops practiced with 80-mm mortars at the landing field. Trucks were stored in the still intact hangers. Three T 34 tanks were seen at the field.

Motor vehicles observed at the airfield [redacted]

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b. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed en route to the perleberg kaserne:

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3. a. Units of various branches of service were stationed at the airfield on 2 January 1950. Tank and artillery insignia were seen. The troops at the airfield were estimated at about 4,000.

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The following motor vehicles were observed:

TrucksTrucksPassenger Cars

b. Fenced-in area at Neyerteich (pond):

Apparently the military post hospital. A Red-Cross marking was observed on the former school. Ambulance [redacted] were seen.

c. The Perleberg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops on 8 January 1950. Most of the troops were allegedly recruits of the 1930 class. Some of them wore artillery insignia. About 20 tanks and some 76.2-mm AT guns were observed. Soldiers were instructed at one tank.

d. Local residents said that the Soviet Kommandatura had been dissolved on 14 November 1949.

[redacted] comment:

a. The arrival by train in Perleberg of a tank unit was reported [redacted] in early November 1949. The information had been considered as a confirmation of the assumed transfer of an 18th Wez Div tank unit from Parchim to Perleberg *. According to the previously reported number of tanks and the number of trains mentioned in the above report, it may have been a tank unit, perhaps a tank regiment.

b. It is possible that, at the same time, an AT artillery unit of this division may have been transferred to Perleberg and, as the bulk of the tank unit, may have been quartered at the airfield. All reported motor vehicle [redacted] belong to [redacted]

c. If the mentioned recruits were actually of the 1930 class, they were probably volunteers as it is unlikely that a large percentage of this class should be in active service with units.

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